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I MET KHRUSHCHEV AT 12 PM MARCH 9 AT GUEST HOUSE OUTSIDE NOVOSIBIRSK FOR TALKS LASTING NEARLY THREE HOURS.

I BEGAN BY GIVING HIM PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND TRANSLATION, WHICH HE READ CAREFULLY. HE ASKED ME THANK PRESIDENT FOR HIS MESSAGE AND SAID THEY APPRECIATED AND AGREED WITH SPIRIT OF LETTER; IT COULD SERVE AS GOOD BEGINNING. HE ASKED ME CONVEY HIS GRATITUDE AND GOOD WISHES TO PRESIDENT AND ADDED HE REFRAINED FROM TRADITIONAL WISH OF LONG LIFE FOR PRESIDENT BECAUSE HE BEING SO YOUNG DID NOT NEED SUCH WISHES.

I EXPLAINED MACMILLAN WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 4 AND ADENAUER APRIL 12 AND PRESIDENT PLANNED SEE DE GAULLE IN PARIS AFTER THAT, BUT COULD NOT SUGGEST EXACT TIME FOR MEETING WITH KHRUSHCHEV. I SAID PRESIDENT HAD IN MIND FIRST WEEK IN MAY AND WAS THINKING OF EITHER VIENNA OR STOCKHOLM AS CONVENIENT PLACE TO MEET.

KHRUSHCHEV REPLIED WOULD BE NECESSARY WORK OUT REASON FOR MEETING. HE SEEMED INCLINED PREFER VIENNA BUT DID NOT RULE OUT STOCKHOLM AND THOUGHT SOMETIME DURING FIRST TEN DAYS MAY BE SUITABLE DATE.

I REPLIED EXACT TIME WOULD DEPEND ON DATE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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WITH DE GAULLE IN ORDER AVOID FLYING TWICE OVER ATLANTIC.
KHRUSHCHEV SAID HE KNEW WELL TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHTS. I SAID
PRESIDENT WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM FURTHER ON THIS MATTER.

KHRUSHCHEV SAID IT WOULD BE NECESSARY STUDY PRESIDENT'S LETTER
BUT HE INCLINED AGREE WITH PROPOSAL AND THOUGHT WOULD BE
USEFUL BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH PRESIDENT. HE SAID HE HAD
PLEASURE OF MEETING PRESIDENT WHEN HE MEMBER SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE BUT HAD EXCHANGED ONLY FEW WORDS WITH HIM.

LATER AT LUNCHEON KHRUSHCHEV SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BECOME
POSSIBLE TO ISSUE INVITATION FOR PRESIDENT VISIT SOVIET
UNION. HE SAID THEY WOULD RECEIVE HIM WITH ALL THEIR TRADITIONAL
HOSPITALITY; THEY WOULD LIKE WELCOME HIM AND HIS FAMILY
AND SHOW HIM THEIR COUNTRY BUT TIME NOT NOW RIPE FOR THIS.

I TOLD KHRUSHCHEV THAT FOR PRESENT WE WOULD CONSIDER PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE CONFIDENTIAL AND HE AGREED.

COMMENT AND REPORT ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN SEPTELS.

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